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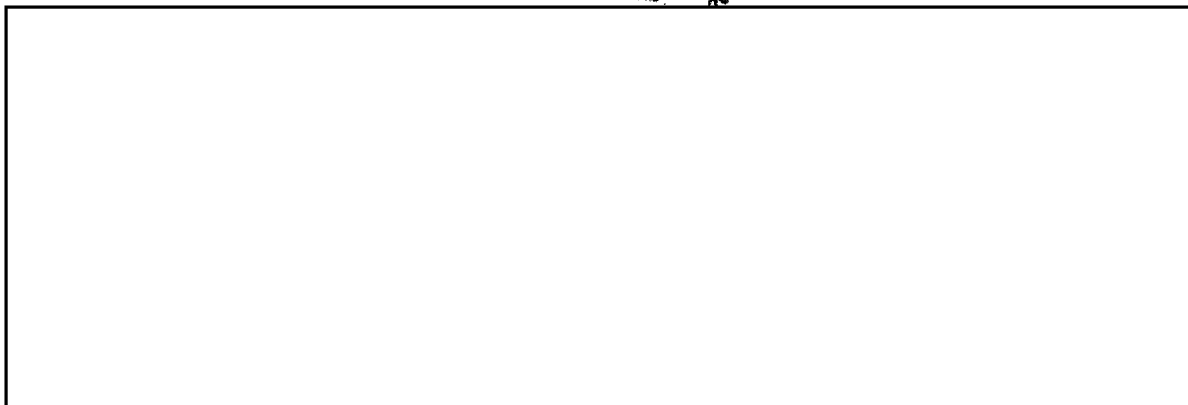
1. Submitted herewith, at your request, is a brief resume of the activities of the Office of General Counsel relating to the Office of Special Operations.

2. This Office has assisted in preparing the procedure for the processing of claims for reimbursement of expenses of medical care and hospitalization for employees. These are the types of claims which are approved by you for payment with Special Funds, as authorized in the Special Regulations.



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3. Questions were raised in connection with filing patent applications involving OSO employees. It is desired that the rights of the employees involved and the Government be ascertained. It is necessary that a special method of handling be devised in order to insure the appropriate degree of security in each particular case. This problem is being worked on at this time. *



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5. The Audit Division of the Office of Inspection and Security has requested assistance from this Office. As a result of the auditors' work, a number of formal

* Coordinating with Army, Navy, Air Force in formulation list of fields of interest. Patent Office will use such list in screening patent applications which may require Secrecy Order.

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opinions have been requested of this Office. These opinions will be forthcoming within the next few days. It is anticipated that there will be a number of other questions raised in conjunction with the auditors which will require informal opinions of this Office. In addition to these opinions, this Office has continued to render formal opinions to the Special Funds Division, as well as informal assistance in connection with routine questions.

6. As a result of the work concerning establishing categories of individuals who are employed or utilized by OSO, an OSO directive was prepared and has been approved for publication. Certain phases of this directive were discussed with the Director, and a delegation of authority to ADSO to employ personnel in specified instances was signed by the Director. This directive will necessitate the development of an appropriate contract for staff agents. A contract of this type is being worked on by this Office. In connection with the career agent contracts, the undersigned will assist [redacted] and the appropriate branches in developing complete contracts for new career agents, as well as adjusting where necessary the existing contracts.

7. Items of old business continue to claim the attention of this Office. While the number of items is small, each item consumes a considerable amount of time for handling.

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